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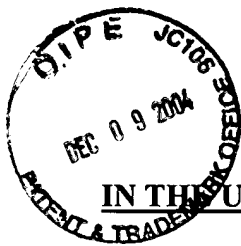
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The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

DE 2006741 B2 and JP58183330 are not in the English language. By way of a brief description of the reference, English language abstracts for DE 2006741 B2 and JP58183330 are enclosed.

This statement is being submitted prior to a first office action on the merits. While this statement contains all the relevant information presently known to the applicant, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Also, this statement should not be interpreted as a representation that any cited reference is prior art, or that any cited reference is Amaterial to patentability@ as defined in 37 CFR ' 1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited reference, copies of which are enclosed, to determine their relevance to the subject

matter of the present application.

Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

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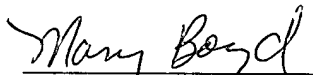
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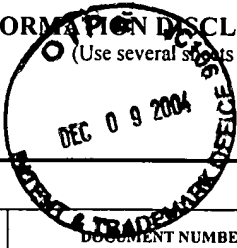
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